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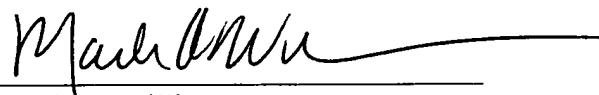
Claims 16 through 23 are now pending in the application. Claims 16 and 20 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 16 through 19 heretofore on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination on even date.

Claim 16 has been amended to improve its form. Claims 20 through 23 have been added to accord Applicants an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims previously on file, and that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-shown address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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